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\$27,500 Settlement Reached with Havens and Sons Trucking

San Diego-The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reached a settlement with Havens and Sons Trucking for hazardous waste violations at the 603 E. Main St. facility in El Centro, California.

Under the terms of the Consent Order (Order) signed on December 8, 2005, Haven and Sons Trucking will pay a total of \$27,500, of which \$15,000 is a penalty and \$7,500 is for reimbursement of the Department's costs. A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website, www.dtsc.ca.gov.

The settlement stems from a complaint investigation on March 29, 2005 by DTSC inspectors. The violations observed included:

- Spent solvent placed with mixed paint into a used oil tank
- Used oil stored incorrectly in a 1,000-gallon capacity used oil tank; five, 55-gallon capacity metal drums that contained used oil filters and two, 250-gallon capacity totes, one with spent diesel and the other one with spent anti-freeze
- Used oil disposed on the ground in two different locations on the company's property
- Incorrect labels on storage tanks for oil
- Lids were not kept closed on metal drums with oil filters, spent diesel and spent antifreeze, a California regulated waste

Havens and Sons Trucking will comply with all corrections within 30 days of the effective date of this Order. In addition, as part of the settlement DTSC will waive \$5,000 of the payment when three employees successfully complete the California Compliance School within 180 days of the effective date of this Consent Order.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.